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The Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OSCAR) provides a weekly snapshot of the availability of marine shipping containers at 18 different intermodal locations for the westbound transpacific trade lanes. The data shows the availability for five types of equipment, including 20 and 40ft dry, 20 and 40ft refrigerated, and 40ft high-cube containers, and provides estimates of equipment availability for the current week and projections two weeks out. The data are voluntarily provided to AMS by six members of the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA).

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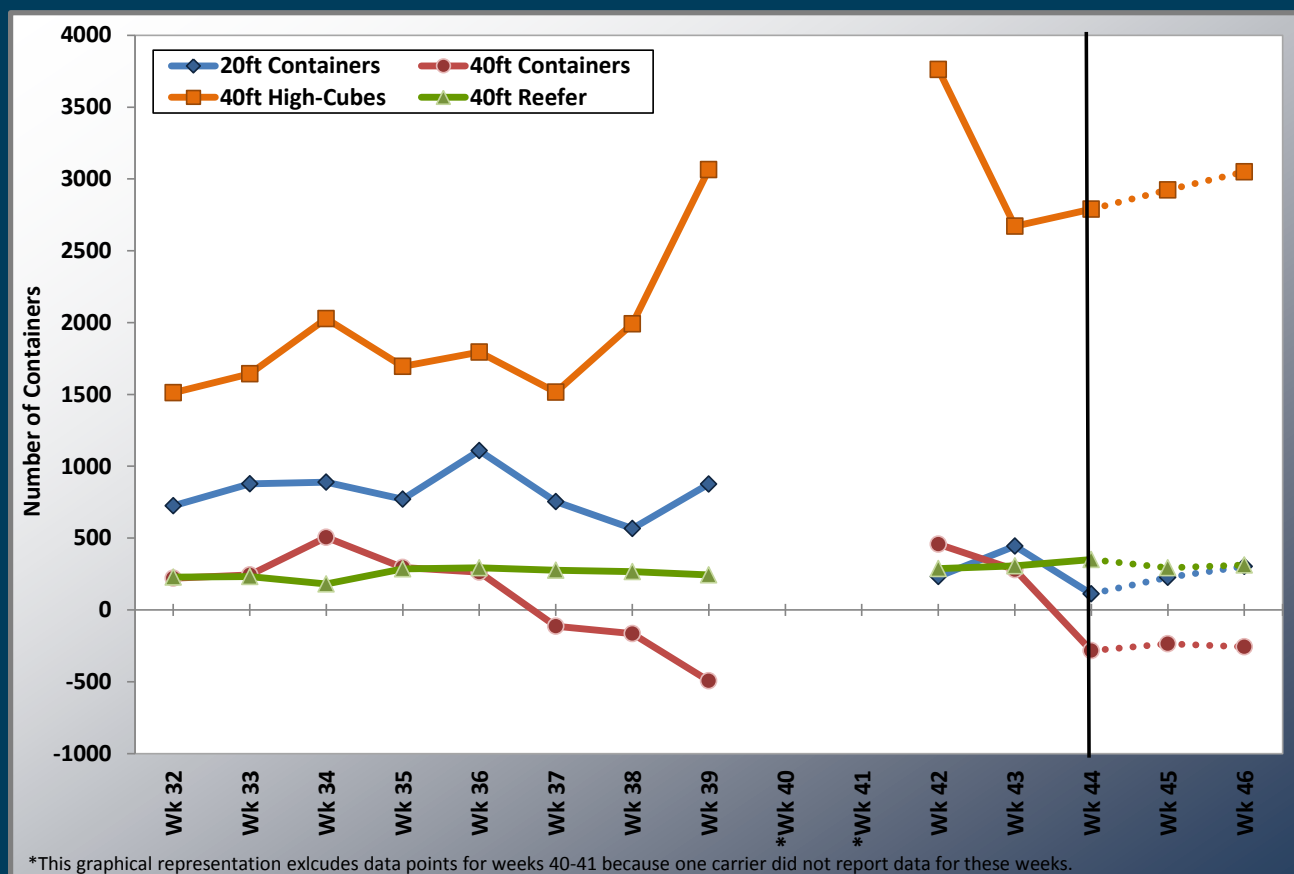
# Location Specific Container Availability Analysis

## Historical Analysis of Houston

The Port of Houston, TX, ranks 4th in the nation for overall waterborne agricultural exports and 10th for containerized waterborne agricultural exports. Houston is the busiest container port in the U.S. Gulf region; however, due to the heavy grain exports moved through Houston only 17 percent of total agricultural trade through the port in 2013 was moved in containers. See Profiles of Top U.S. Agricultural Ports for more detail on agricultural trade through Houston and other top ports. Between July and September of 2013, Houston moved 254,000 metric tons of containerized agricultural products, 36 percent of which were meat and poultry products, followed by grocery items at 19 percent, and rice at 5 percent. Agricultural exporters used 40ft containers to move more than 57 percent of these exports. Agricultural exporters used Maersk Line to move 37 percent of these products, followed by Mediterranean Shipping Company at 18 percent, and CMA-CGM at 7 percent.<sup>1</sup>

Container availability estimates for 40ft high-cubes remained the strongest for the Port of Houston over the past several weeks following an increasing trend. In fact, 40ft high-cube containers through Houston have been the highest on record over the past several weeks, reaching a peak of 3,762 units just 2 weeks ago (week 42). Houston is probably benefiting from an increase in import traffic due to the peak season retail movements as well as possible diversions from West Coast ports as labor negotiations continue. Estimates for 20ft dry containers followed a pattern similar to the 40ft high-cubes, but on a smaller scale. Availability estimates for 40ft standard containers fell below zero for several weeks, between mid-September to mid-October; 40ft refrigerated containers have been relatively flat, averaging 270 available units per week.<sup>2</sup> Over the next 2 weeks, availability for 20ft standard and 40ft high-cube containers is expected to increase while 40ft standard and refrigerated container estimates are forecast to remain flat.

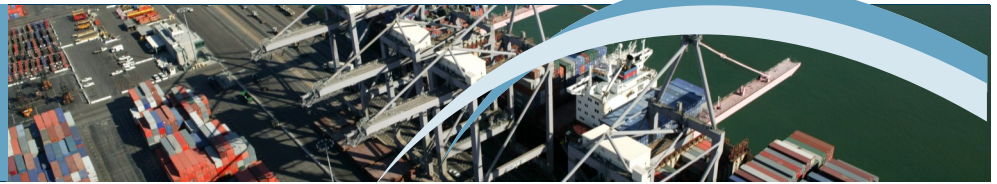
## Weekly Container Availability Estimates in Houston, 1st week of August (Wk 32) through 1st week of November (Wk 44), with Projections



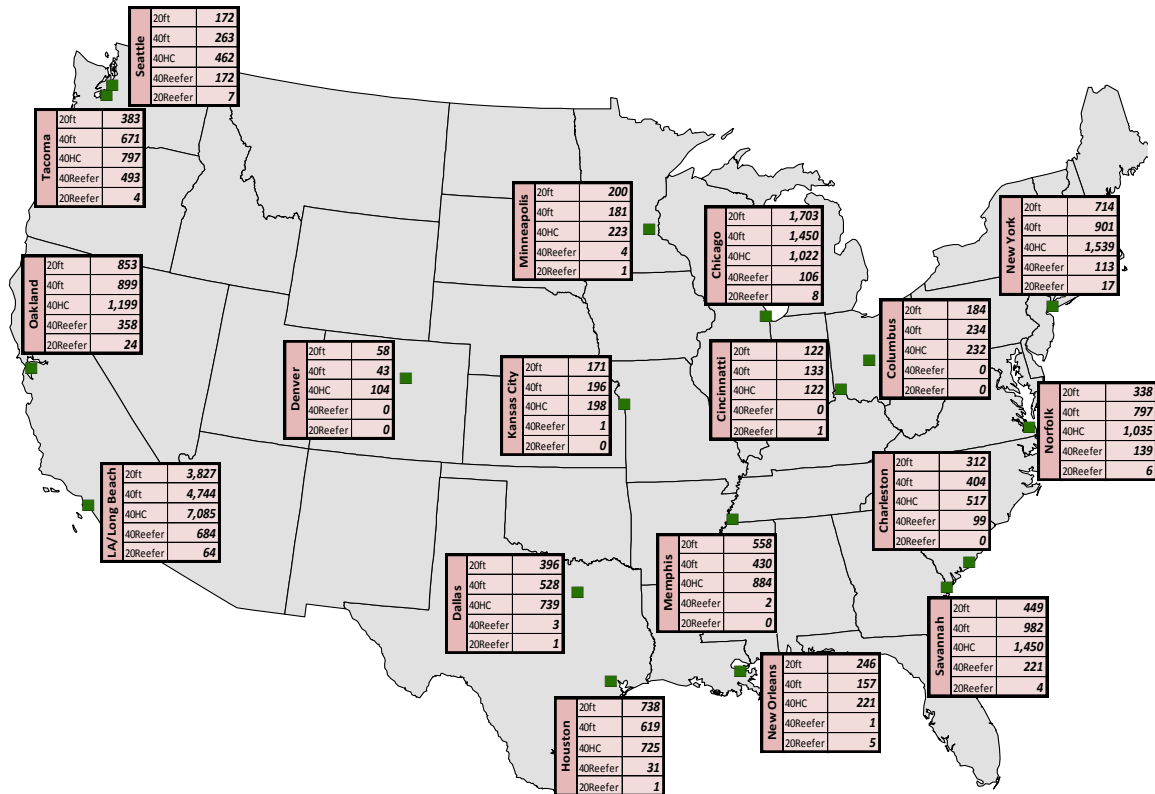
<sup>1</sup> Source: USDA/Agricultural Marketing Service/Transportation Services Division analysis of Port Import Export Reporting Service (PIERS) data .  
<sup>2</sup> Estimates of zero indicate the demand for containers matches the supply. Estimates that are below zero indicate the demand for containers is greater than the supply. Estimates above zero indicate the supply of containers is greater than the demand.

# National Overview

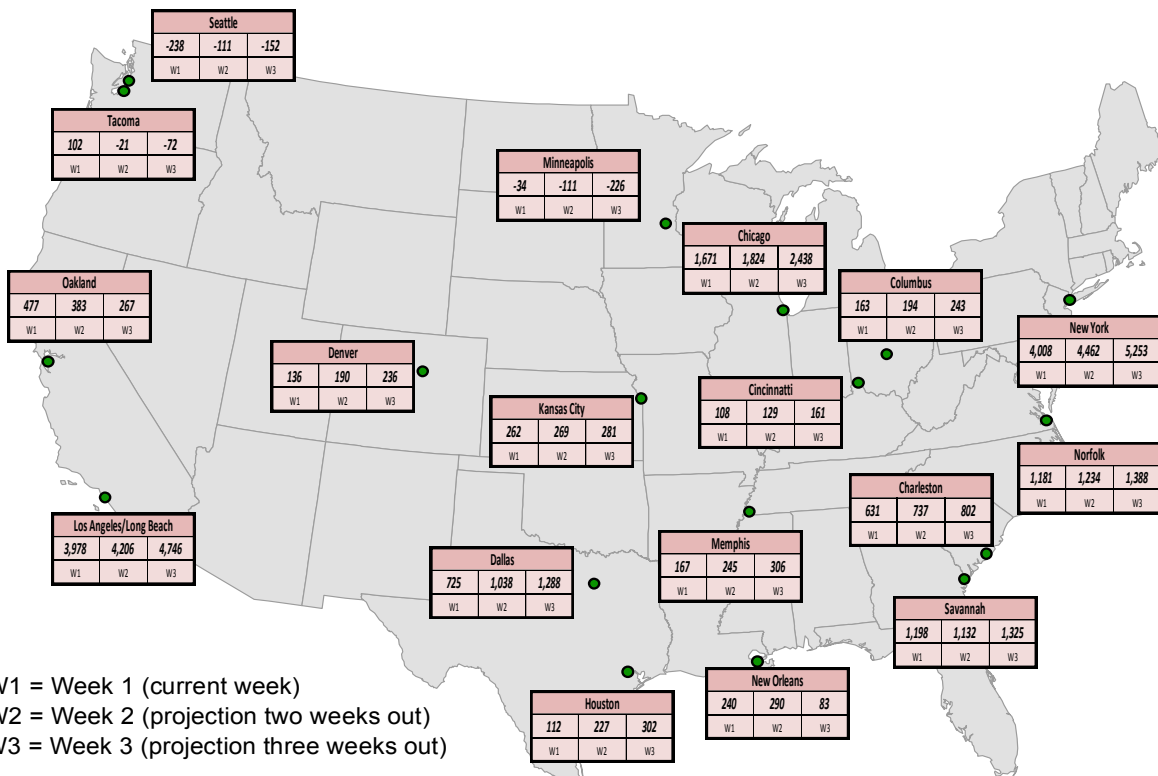
## Week of Oct 29-Nov 4, 2014



### Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput



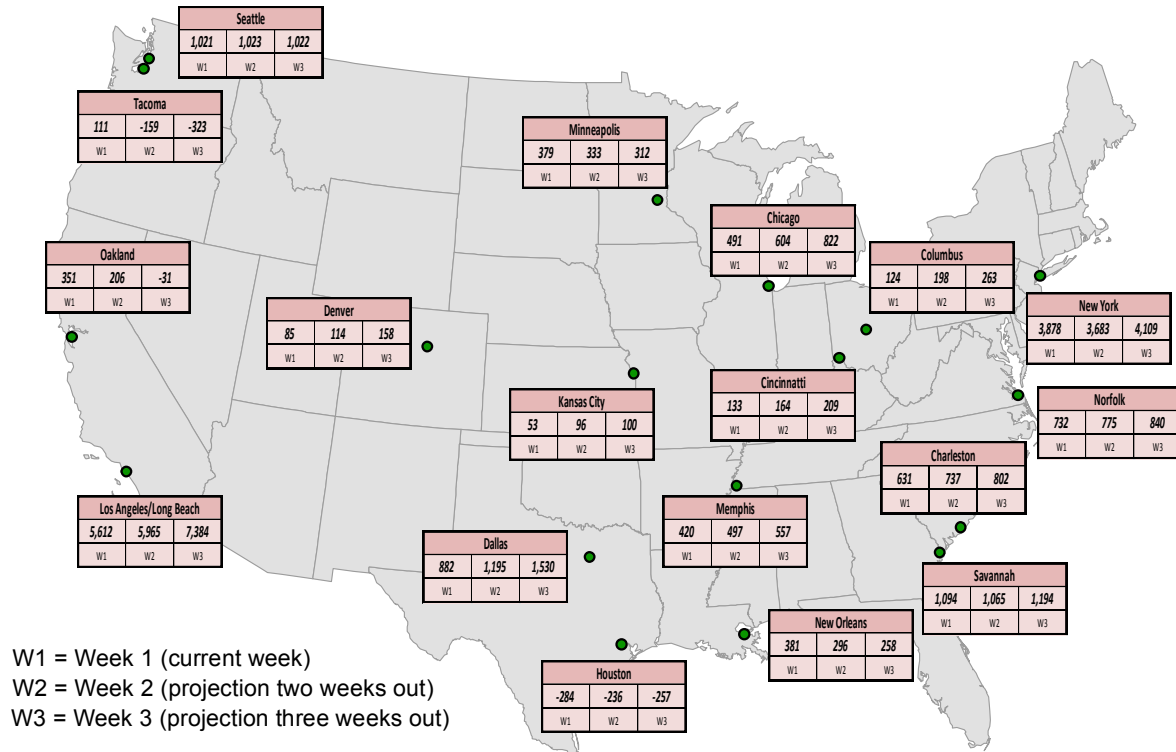
### Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers



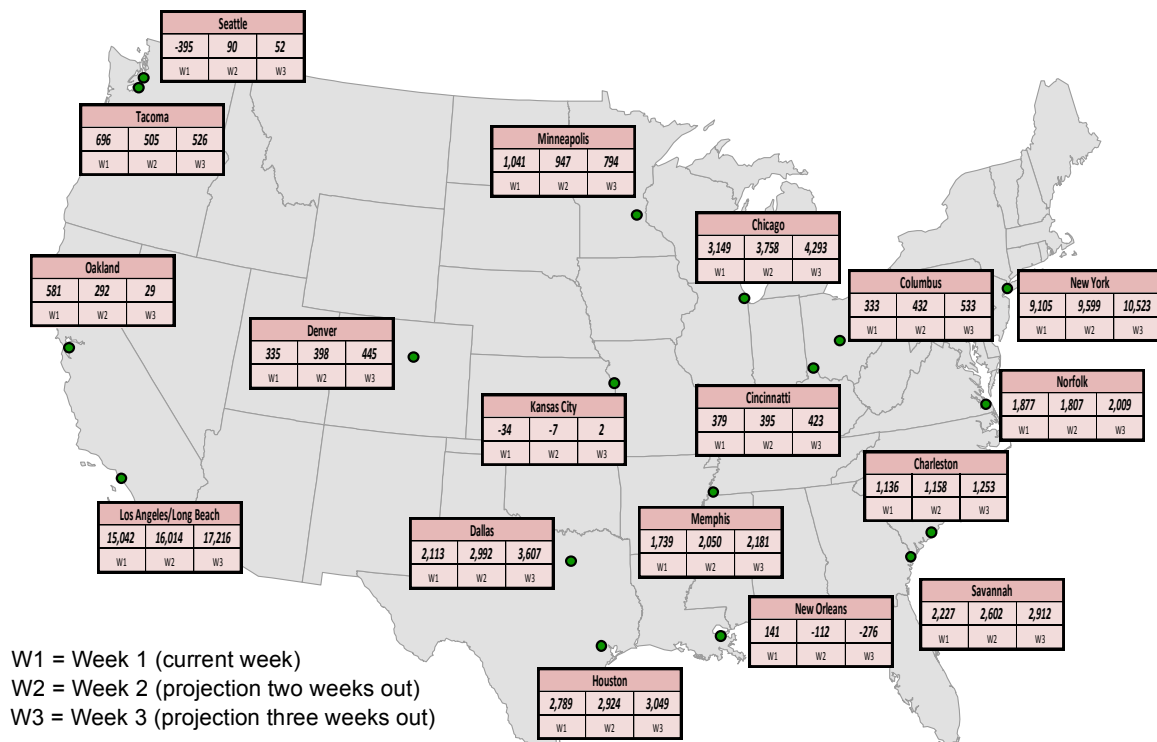
W1 = Week 1 (current week)  
W2 = Week 2 (projection two weeks out)  
W3 = Week 3 (projection three weeks out)



## Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers



## Average Weekly Availability for 40ft High Cube Containers



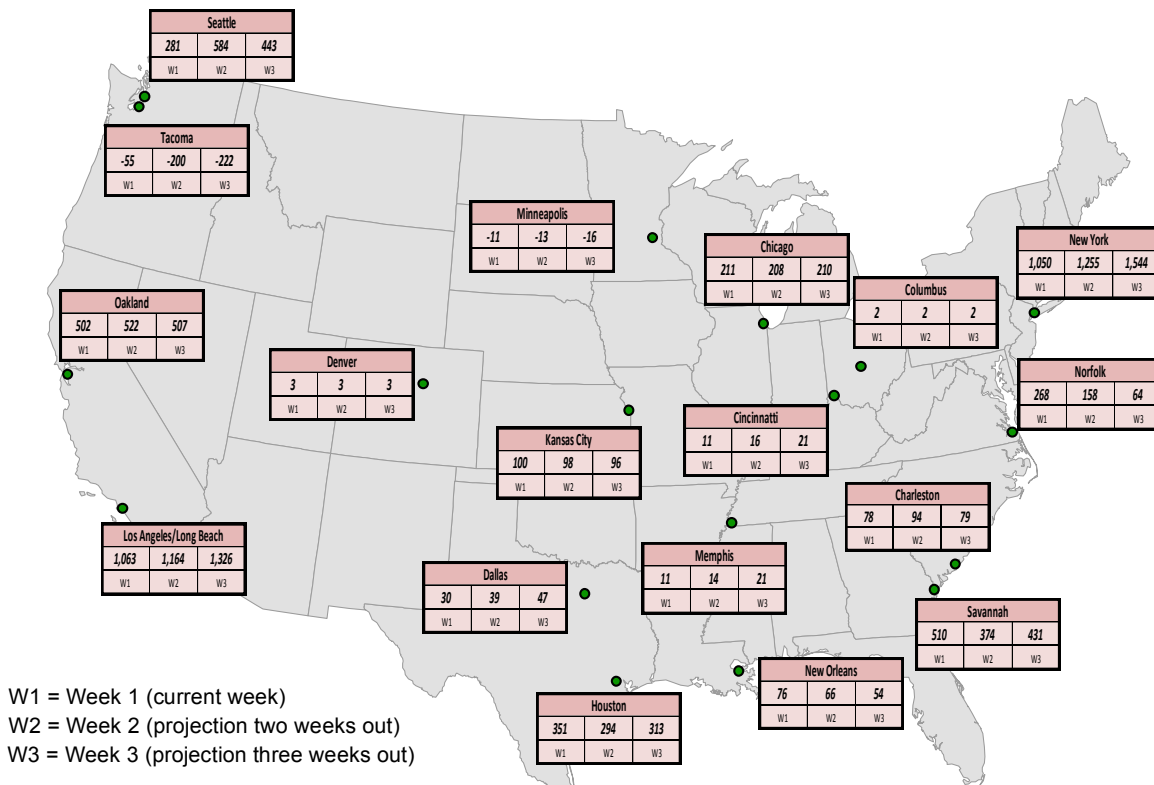


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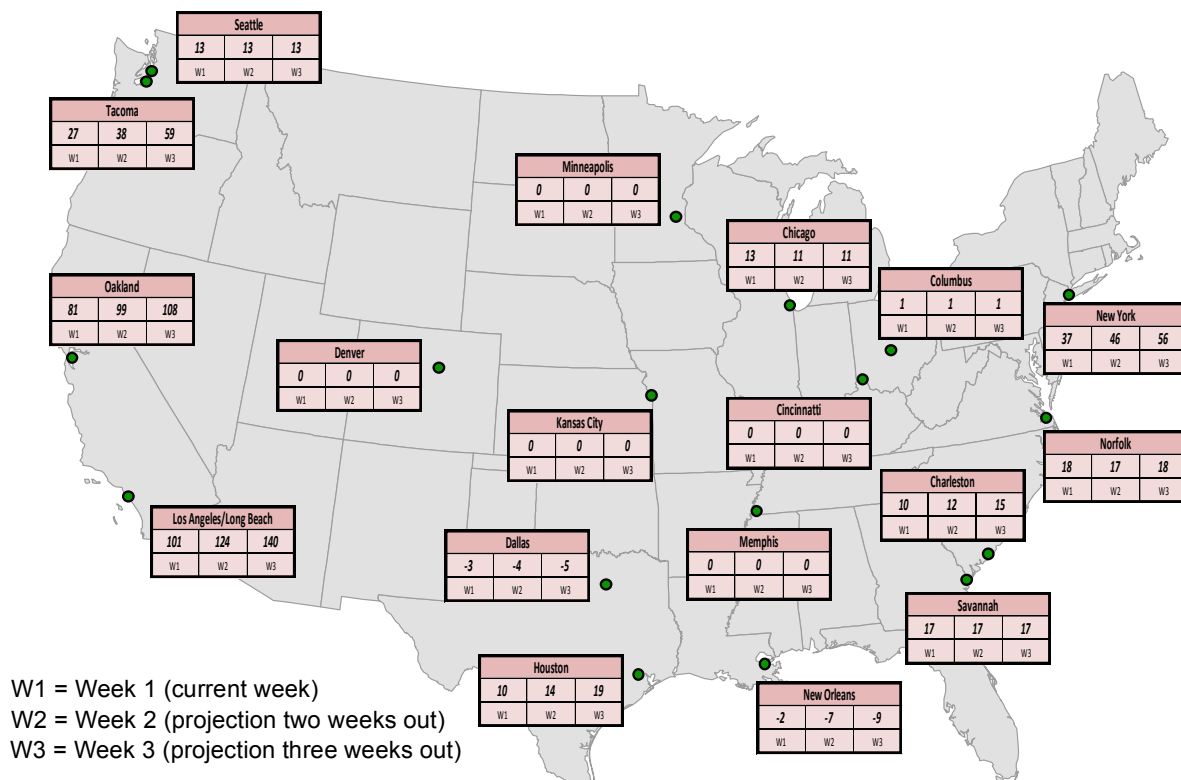
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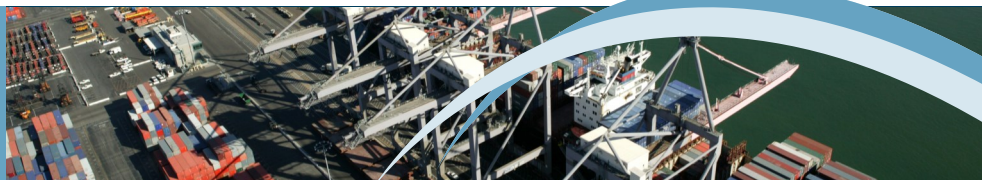


### Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers



### Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers





Charleston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	242	99	91	69	65	65	.	.	.	.	631
Week 2: Nov 5-11	287	132	91	60	89	78	.	.	.	.	737
Week 3: Nov 12-18	329	162	91	50	110	60	.	.	.	.	802
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	95	92	90	82	66	66	.	.	.	.	491
Week 2: Nov 5-11	81	107	90	136	97	40	.	.	.	.	551
Week 3: Nov 12-18	88	123	90	113	127	40	.	.	.	.	581
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	390	223	196	146	105	76	.	.	.	.	1,136
Week 2: Nov 5-11	390	262	123	203	60	120	.	.	.	.	1,158
Week 3: Nov 12-18	390	281	140	198	80	164	.	.	.	.	1,253
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	60	34	22	5	1	-44	.	.	.	.	78
Week 2: Nov 5-11	47	46	20	5	1	-25	.	.	.	.	94
Week 3: Nov 12-18	43	58	20	5	1	-48	.	.	.	.	79
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	6	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 2: Nov 5-11	7	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Week 3: Nov 12-18	9	6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	312	0...108
40ft	404	0...200
40ft High Cubes	517	17...200
40ft Refrigerated	99	0...60
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Chicago											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	1,887	48	32	15	-150	-161	.	.	.	.	1,671
Week 2: Nov 5-11	2,291	-24	50	-20	-312	-161	.	.	.	.	1,824
Week 3: Nov 12-18	2,718	31	50	-17	-183	-161	.	.	.	.	2,438
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	574	439	-7	-82	-109	-324	.	.	.	.	491
Week 2: Nov 5-11	667	599	-20	0	-318	-324	.	.	.	.	604
Week 3: Nov 12-18	763	764	-15	0	-366	-324	.	.	.	.	822
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	1,380	1,042	540	290	-3	-100	.	.	.	.	3,149
Week 2: Nov 5-11	1,380	1,243	713	412	10	0	.	.	.	.	3,758
Week 3: Nov 12-18	1,380	1,440	967	494	12	0	.	.	.	.	4,293
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	157	28	26	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	211
Week 2: Nov 5-11	181	10	17	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	208
Week 3: Nov 12-18	191	10	9	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	210
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	9	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 2: Nov 5-11	9	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 3: Nov 12-18	11	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	1,703	93...600
40ft	1,450	5...302
40ft High Cubes	1,022	34...405
40ft Refrigerated	106	0...51
20ft Refrigerated	8	0...4

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Cincinnati											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	44	27	26	8	3	0	.	.	.	.	108
Week 2: Nov 5-11	40	27	31	14	16	1	.	.	.	.	129
Week 3: Nov 12-18	50	27	36	14	33	1	.	.	.	.	161
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	78	37	9	7	6	-4	.	.	.	.	133
Week 2: Nov 5-11	78	46	10	30	0	0	.	.	.	.	164
Week 3: Nov 12-18	78	67	11	36	18	-1	.	.	.	.	209
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	308	47	39	-1	-6	-8	.	.	.	.	379
Week 2: Nov 5-11	308	61	36	-3	-7	0	.	.	.	.	395
Week 3: Nov 12-18	308	84	38	-3	-15	11	.	.	.	.	423
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	11	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 2: Nov 5-11	16	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Week 3: Nov 12-18	21	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Nov 5-11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Nov 12-18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	122	7...35
40ft	133	8...30
40ft High Cubes	122	11...35
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe





Columbus											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	91	45	32	1	1	-7	.	.	.	.	163
Week 2: Nov 5-11	116	41	26	16	2	-7	.	.	.	.	194
Week 3: Nov 12-18	141	55	26	28	0	-7	.	.	.	.	243
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	93	52	24	3	-14	-34	.	.	.	.	124
Week 2: Nov 5-11	117	61	53	1	0	-34	.	.	.	.	198
Week 3: Nov 12-18	140	75	81	1	0	-34	.	.	.	.	263
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	180	49	44	29	28	3	.	.	.	.	333
Week 2: Nov 5-11	180	72	59	91	25	5	.	.	.	.	432
Week 3: Nov 12-18	180	94	74	154	25	6	.	.	.	.	533
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Nov 5-11	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 3: Nov 12-18	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Nov 5-11	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Nov 12-18	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	184	8...60
40ft	234	6...80
40ft High Cubes	232	15...60
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Dallas											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	290	139	135	103	81	-23	.	.	.	.	725
Week 2: Nov 5-11	466	120	195	166	81	10	.	.	.	.	1,038
Week 3: Nov 12-18	629	131	225	212	81	10	.	.	.	.	1,288
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	307	278	179	148	14	-44	.	.	.	.	882
Week 2: Nov 5-11	288	479	257	215	0	-44	.	.	.	.	1,195
Week 3: Nov 12-18	290	697	352	235	0	-44	.	.	.	.	1,530
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	551	484	431	394	252	1	.	.	.	.	2,113
Week 2: Nov 5-11	738	557	734	394	569	0	.	.	.	.	2,992
Week 3: Nov 12-18	906	540	1,035	394	732	0	.	.	.	.	3,607
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	17	13	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	30
Week 2: Nov 5-11	25	14	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	39
Week 3: Nov 12-18	32	15	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	47
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 2: Nov 5-11	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4
Week 3: Nov 12-18	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-5

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	396	5...150
40ft	528	12...250
40ft High Cubes	739	22...250
40ft Refrigerated	3	0...3
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Denver											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	94	29	15	12	4	-18	.	.	.	.	136
Week 2: Nov 5-11	127	24	15	18	6	0	.	.	.	.	190
Week 3: Nov 12-18	163	29	15	26	3	0	.	.	.	.	236
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	51	21	19	16	2	-24	.	.	.	.	85
Week 2: Nov 5-11	81	37	17	0	3	-24	.	.	.	.	114
Week 3: Nov 12-18	112	42	27	0	1	-24	.	.	.	.	158
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	113	68	66	47	22	19	.	.	.	.	335
Week 2: Nov 5-11	147	68	119	20	17	27	.	.	.	.	398
Week 3: Nov 12-18	180	68	127	20	18	32	.	.	.	.	445
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	2	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 2: Nov 5-11	2	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 3: Nov 12-18	2	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Nov 5-11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Nov 12-18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	58	3...17
40ft	43	1...10
40ft High Cubes	104	1...50
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Houston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	248	28	10	-45	-50	-79	.	.	.	.	112
Week 2: Nov 5-11	248	34	20	0	-48	-27	.	.	.	.	227
Week 3: Nov 12-18	248	-13	18	50	5	-6	.	.	.	.	302
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	99	57	-1	-6	-195	-238	.	.	.	.	-284
Week 2: Nov 5-11	140	24	80	-2	-240	-238	.	.	.	.	-236
Week 3: Nov 12-18	199	-38	100	4	-284	-238	.	.	.	.	-257
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	2,206	283	253	65	-6	-12	.	.	.	.	2,789
Week 2: Nov 5-11	2,206	370	250	42	-4	60	.	.	.	.	2,924
Week 3: Nov 12-18	2,206	452	250	60	3	78	.	.	.	.	3,049
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	228	80	41	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	351
Week 2: Nov 5-11	150	103	39	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	294
Week 3: Nov 12-18	150	124	37	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	313
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	7	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 2: Nov 5-11	11	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Week 3: Nov 12-18	15	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	738	50...316
40ft	619	50...126
40ft High Cubes	725	26...355
40ft Refrigerated	31	0...12
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe





Kansas City											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	118	85	31	18	11	-1	.	.	.	.	262
Week 2: Nov 5-11	89	85	49	25	22	-1	.	.	.	.	269
Week 3: Nov 12-18	78	85	62	25	32	-1	.	.	.	.	281
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	52	31	8	2	0	-40	.	.	.	.	53
Week 2: Nov 5-11	62	38	25	10	1	-40	.	.	.	.	96
Week 3: Nov 12-18	72	31	27	10	0	-40	.	.	.	.	100
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	47	28	14	9	2	-134	.	.	.	.	-34
Week 2: Nov 5-11	60	36	21	10	0	-134	.	.	.	.	-7
Week 3: Nov 12-18	71	28	26	10	1	-134	.	.	.	.	2
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	87	13	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	100
Week 2: Nov 5-11	83	15	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	98
Week 3: Nov 12-18	79	17	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	96
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Nov 5-11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Nov 12-18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	171	7...60
40ft	196	9...75
40ft High Cubes	198	14...59
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Los Angeles and Long Beach											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	870	828	811	663	613	193	.	.	.	.	3,978
Week 2: Nov 5-11	853	828	1,035	733	450	307	.	.	.	.	4,206
Week 3: Nov 12-18	840	828	1,265	918	450	445	.	.	.	.	4,746
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	1,694	1,258	1,084	973	485	118	.	.	.	.	5,612
Week 2: Nov 5-11	1,200	1,258	1,512	816	906	273	.	.	.	.	5,965
Week 3: Nov 12-18	1,500	1,258	2,051	800	1,339	436	.	.	.	.	7,384
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	6,486	3,529	2,464	2,123	407	33	.	.	.	.	15,042
Week 2: Nov 5-11	6,486	2,800	3,358	1,980	1,173	217	.	.	.	.	16,014
Week 3: Nov 12-18	6,486	2,500	4,675	1,890	1,252	413	.	.	.	.	17,216
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	405	286	163	75	69	65	.	.	.	.	1,063
Week 2: Nov 5-11	509	300	166	75	48	66	.	.	.	.	1,164
Week 3: Nov 12-18	661	300	74	75	151	65	.	.	.	.	1,326
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	73	18	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	101
Week 2: Nov 5-11	86	28	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	124
Week 3: Nov 12-18	97	33	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	140

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	3,827	46...2500
40ft	4,744	83...3000
40ft High Cubes	7,085	203...3300
40ft Refrigerated	684	21...300
20ft Refrigerated	64	1...50

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Memphis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	102	97	12	7	4	-55	.	.	.	.	167
Week 2: Nov 5-11	125	97	60	1	17	-55	.	.	.	.	245
Week 3: Nov 12-18	131	97	60	5	48	-35	.	.	.	.	306
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	202	112	57	38	7	4	.	.	.	.	420
Week 2: Nov 5-11	202	122	80	39	11	43	.	.	.	.	497
Week 3: Nov 12-18	202	129	100	43	9	74	.	.	.	.	557
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	1,466	147	61	57	35	-27	.	.	.	.	1,739
Week 2: Nov 5-11	1,466	194	197	80	31	82	.	.	.	.	2,050
Week 3: Nov 12-18	1,466	192	190	100	40	193	.	.	.	.	2,181
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	10	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 2: Nov 5-11	11	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Week 3: Nov 12-18	16	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Nov 5-11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Nov 12-18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	558	11...300
40ft	430	11...200
40ft High Cubes	884	9...600
40ft Refrigerated	2	0...2
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Minneapolis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	95	5	-1	-22	-34	-77	.	.	.	.	-34
Week 2: Nov 5-11	58	-43	9	-58	0	-77	.	.	.	.	-111
Week 3: Nov 12-18	-25	-83	7	-48	0	-77	.	.	.	.	-226
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	160	93	77	31	25	-7	.	.	.	.	379
Week 2: Nov 5-11	160	40	91	33	14	-5	.	.	.	.	333
Week 3: Nov 12-18	160	40	101	-3	16	-2	.	.	.	.	312
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	894	92	35	30	19	-29	.	.	.	.	1,041
Week 2: Nov 5-11	894	92	20	32	19	-110	.	.	.	.	947
Week 3: Nov 12-18	894	12	30	30	19	-191	.	.	.	.	794
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	0	-11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-11
Week 2: Nov 5-11	0	-13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-13
Week 3: Nov 12-18	0	-16	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-16
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Nov 5-11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Nov 12-18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	200	3...102
40ft	181	1...80
40ft High Cubes	223	2...144
40ft Refrigerated	4	0...4
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe





New Orleans											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	130	81	16	9	4	0	.	.	.	.	240
Week 2: Nov 5-11	108	159	10	9	4	0	.	.	.	.	290
Week 3: Nov 12-18	100	-38	10	9	2	0	.	.	.	.	83
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	214	112	35	18	2	0	.	.	.	.	381
Week 2: Nov 5-11	161	111	11	10	2	1	.	.	.	.	296
Week 3: Nov 12-18	153	107	-15	10	2	1	.	.	.	.	258
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	53	48	40	10	2	-12	.	.	.	.	141
Week 2: Nov 5-11	47	48	19	0	1	-227	.	.	.	.	-112
Week 3: Nov 12-18	36	48	-2	10	0	-368	.	.	.	.	-276
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	60	16	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	76
Week 2: Nov 5-11	57	9	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	66
Week 3: Nov 12-18	52	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	54
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	4	-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-2
Week 2: Nov 5-11	4	-11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-7
Week 3: Nov 12-18	4	-13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-9

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	246	5...158
40ft	157	5...80
40ft High Cubes	221	5...139
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	5	0...5

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



New York											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	1,032	973	797	763	292	151	.	.	.	.	4,008
Week 2: Nov 5-11	800	1,119	1,194	763	281	305	.	.	.	.	4,462
Week 3: Nov 12-18	800	1,295	1,585	763	267	543	.	.	.	.	5,253
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	1,214	973	614	539	353	185	.	.	.	.	3,878
Week 2: Nov 5-11	1,214	500	903	701	157	208	.	.	.	.	3,683
Week 3: Nov 12-18	1,214	500	1,177	934	94	190	.	.	.	.	4,109
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	4,266	1,648	971	908	755	557	.	.	.	.	9,105
Week 2: Nov 5-11	4,266	1,889	600	1,363	930	551	.	.	.	.	9,599
Week 3: Nov 12-18	4,266	2,292	500	1,812	1,113	540	.	.	.	.	10,523
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	463	193	154	151	79	10	.	.	.	.	1,050
Week 2: Nov 5-11	605	248	50	283	59	10	.	.	.	.	1,255
Week 3: Nov 12-18	748	302	50	381	53	10	.	.	.	.	1,544
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	31	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	37
Week 2: Nov 5-11	37	5	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	46
Week 3: Nov 12-18	43	5	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	56

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	714	3...150
40ft	901	56...250
40ft High Cubes	1,539	87...400
40ft Refrigerated	113	0...36
20ft Refrigerated	17	0...10

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Norfolk											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	424	349	252	98	41	17	.	.	.	.	1,181
Week 2: Nov 5-11	440	378	200	98	110	8	.	.	.	.	1,234
Week 3: Nov 12-18	448	449	200	98	182	11	.	.	.	.	1,388
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	497	103	80	27	20	5	.	.	.	.	732
Week 2: Nov 5-11	537	160	80	-8	0	6	.	.	.	.	775
Week 3: Nov 12-18	598	205	80	-8	0	-35	.	.	.	.	840
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	639	444	343	260	156	35	.	.	.	.	1,877
Week 2: Nov 5-11	400	444	400	353	191	19	.	.	.	.	1,807
Week 3: Nov 12-18	300	444	487	437	317	24	.	.	.	.	2,009
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	140	110	32	10	-8	-16	.	.	.	.	268
Week 2: Nov 5-11	113	30	20	10	9	-24	.	.	.	.	158
Week 3: Nov 12-18	108	30	23	10	-104	-3	.	.	.	.	64
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	12	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18
Week 2: Nov 5-11	13	3	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
Week 3: Nov 12-18	14	3	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	338	1...175
40ft	797	8...200
40ft High Cubes	1,035	74...300
40ft Refrigerated	139	0...58
20ft Refrigerated	6	0...5

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Oakland											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	143	110	93	55	48	28	.	.	.	.	477
Week 2: Nov 5-11	117	110	100	80	51	-75	.	.	.	.	383
Week 3: Nov 12-18	84	110	50	72	59	-108	.	.	.	.	267
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	353	37	33	-21	-21	-30	.	.	.	.	351
Week 2: Nov 5-11	300	103	106	-291	18	-30	.	.	.	.	206
Week 3: Nov 12-18	300	70	115	-476	-10	-30	.	.	.	.	-31
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	442	308	228	120	-142	-375	.	.	.	.	581
Week 2: Nov 5-11	442	200	-113	172	-120	-289	.	.	.	.	292
Week 3: Nov 12-18	442	200	-281	248	-131	-449	.	.	.	.	29
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	280	173	30	20	3	-4	.	.	.	.	502
Week 2: Nov 5-11	249	150	30	45	100	-52	.	.	.	.	522
Week 3: Nov 12-18	203	184	30	38	100	-48	.	.	.	.	507
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	71	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	81
Week 2: Nov 5-11	81	10	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	99
Week 3: Nov 12-18	91	10	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	108

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	853	26...250
40ft	899	14...300
40ft High Cubes	1,199	34...400
40ft Refrigerated	358	26...120
20ft Refrigerated	24	0...8

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe





Savannah											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	483	311	186	115	78	25	.	.	.	.	1,198
Week 2: Nov 5-11	200	348	290	188	78	28	.	.	.	.	1,132
Week 3: Nov 12-18	200	375	397	253	78	22	.	.	.	.	1,325
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	381	372	232	158	-19	-30	.	.	.	.	1,094
Week 2: Nov 5-11	488	372	150	18	-4	41	.	.	.	.	1,065
Week 3: Nov 12-18	616	372	150	-46	-10	112	.	.	.	.	1,194
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	1,322	541	237	117	90	-80	.	.	.	.	2,227
Week 2: Nov 5-11	1,322	749	304	160	67	0	.	.	.	.	2,602
Week 3: Nov 12-18	1,322	795	428	189	78	100	.	.	.	.	2,912
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	302	112	54	51	10	-19	.	.	.	.	510
Week 2: Nov 5-11	100	132	47	84	10	1	.	.	.	.	374
Week 3: Nov 12-18	100	131	60	120	10	10	.	.	.	.	431
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	10	6	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
Week 2: Nov 5-11	11	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
Week 3: Nov 12-18	12	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	449	0...150
40ft	982	0...409
40ft High Cubes	1,450	21...385
40ft Refrigerated	221	0...80
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...2

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Seattle											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	40	-37	-66	-175	.	.	.	.	.	.	-238
Week 2: Nov 5-11	24	100	-60	-175	.	.	.	.	.	.	-111
Week 3: Nov 12-18	-18	100	-59	-175	.	.	.	.	.	.	-152
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	414	302	267	38	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,021
Week 2: Nov 5-11	414	300	271	38	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,023
Week 3: Nov 12-18	414	300	276	32	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,022
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	578	92	-95	-970	.	.	.	.	.	.	-395
Week 2: Nov 5-11	590	70	400	-970	.	.	.	.	.	.	90
Week 3: Nov 12-18	598	24	400	-970	.	.	.	.	.	.	52
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	269	20	13	-21	.	.	.	.	.	.	281
Week 2: Nov 5-11	431	20	33	100	.	.	.	.	.	.	584
Week 3: Nov 12-18	307	20	16	100	.	.	.	.	.	.	443
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	12	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 2: Nov 5-11	12	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 3: Nov 12-18	12	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	172	29...70
40ft	263	7...91
40ft High Cubes	462	104...148
40ft Refrigerated	172	0...122
20ft Refrigerated	7	0...5

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Tacoma											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	83	70	50	10	-111	.	.	.	.	.	102
Week 2: Nov 5-11	92	68	80	10	-271	.	.	.	.	.	-21
Week 3: Nov 12-18	91	55	80	10	-308	.	.	.	.	.	-72
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	181	12	1	-10	-73	.	.	.	.	.	111
Week 2: Nov 5-11	80	-82	1	-6	-152	.	.	.	.	.	-159
Week 3: Nov 12-18	80	-194	1	-8	-202	.	.	.	.	.	-323
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	770	27	20	-21	-100	.	.	.	.	.	696
Week 2: Nov 5-11	708	25	20	-102	-146	.	.	.	.	.	505
Week 3: Nov 12-18	841	25	20	-205	-155	.	.	.	.	.	526
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	236	210	6	5	-512	.	.	.	.	.	-55
Week 2: Nov 5-11	242	37	50	5	-534	.	.	.	.	.	-200
Week 3: Nov 12-18	262	-32	50	5	-507	.	.	.	.	.	-222
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 29-Nov 4	26	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	27
Week 2: Nov 5-11	37	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	38
Week 3: Nov 12-18	58	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	59

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	383	1...300
40ft	671	15...500
40ft High Cubes	797	76...600
40ft Refrigerated	493	0...203
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...4

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe

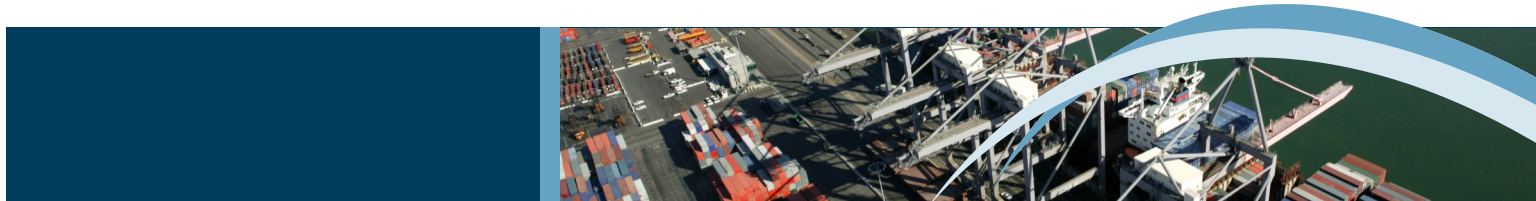


## Understanding this Report

The weekly Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OCSAR) provides a snapshot of container availability for westbound transpacific trade lanes at select intermodal locations around the country. The data presented in this report are gathered from 6 member carriers in the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA). The TSA carriers include COSCO, Evergreen, Hanjin Shipping, Hapag Lloyd, Yang Ming Transport Corporation, and OOCL.

- The data are estimates of container availability per week by the participating carriers. The carriers determine container availability by comparing current supplies at each of the 18 intermodal locations with the demand for these containers based on up-to-date bookings or reservation information in the westbound transpacific trade lane.
- Each week, participating carriers report the estimated number of containers available for the current week (W1) as well as estimates for the subsequent 2 weeks (W2 and W3).
- Maps on pages 3–5 offer a national overview of weekly container availability, as well as an average of availability over the past 6 months. The weekly national data are derived from the sum of the individual carrier responses at each intermodal location.
- Individual carrier responses are presented by location on pages 6–23 and have been sorted from largest to smallest. To maintain carrier confidentiality, specific carrier identification is not provided.
- Carrier responses showing negative numbers, such as -29, should be interpreted as meaning that 29 containers are needed by shippers but the carrier is not able to supply them. A positive number, such as 64, would mean 64 containers are available that are not demanded. An indication of 0 means the carriers have the exact amount of containers needed based on current supply and demand estimates.
- In addition to the weekly container availability data, the participating carriers provide average weekly throughput data for the past 6 months. These data help readers understand the aggregate flow of containers that have moved through the 18 select locations by the 8 participating carriers over the previous 6 months. These data will only be updated every 6 months.
- Availability levels are subject to change, and may be affected by delays in return of equipment to carriers by shippers or consignees, and by free time restrictions imposed by railroads. Due to the dynamic nature of the container industry, carriers cannot be held responsible for the level of availability at the time of inquiry.
- Data presented in the report do not imply availability of chassis.
- Container availability estimates represent availability for all export cargo, not just agricultural products.
- USDA collects these data on a voluntary basis and cannot be held responsible for the status of container availability when a reader makes inquiry with an ocean carrier. USDA relies on the participating ocean carriers to ensure the data is accurate.
- Terminology:
  - 20ft Dry Container (20ft): A standard shipping container that is 20 feet long.
  - 40ft Dry Container (40ft): A standard shipping container that is 40 feet long.
  - 40ft High-Cube (HC): A shipping container which is 40 feet long and 9 feet, 6 inches tall (1 foot taller than a standard 40ft dry container).
  - 40ft reefer: A refrigerated shipping container which is 40 feet long.
  - 20ft reefer: A refrigerated shipping container which is 20 feet long.
  - Chassis: A wheeled frame to which a shipping container can be locked for storage or movement. (Plural chassis)





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